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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.

5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.

7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.

9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.

10. JOBS - On the Job Training including supportive services.

11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

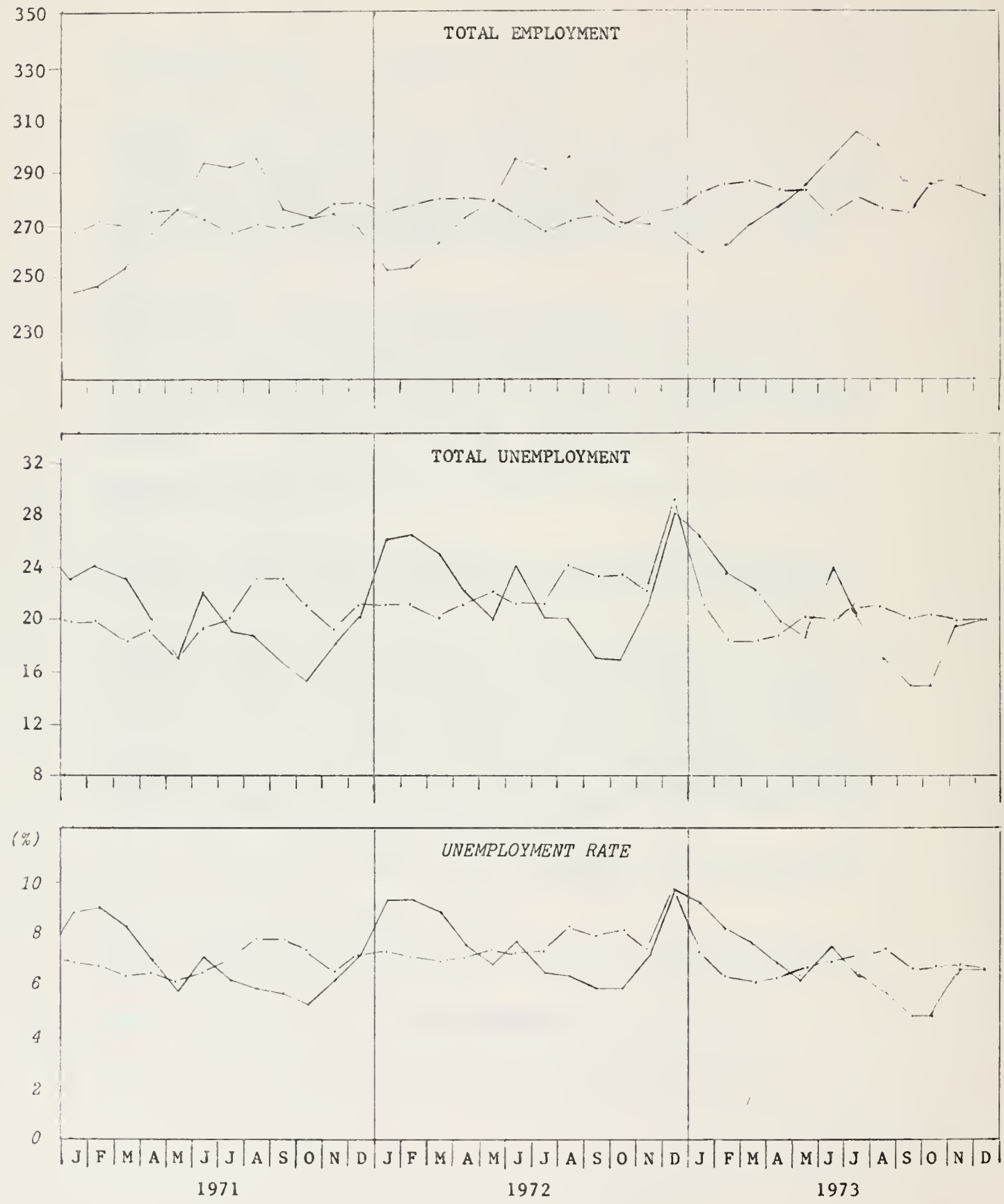
- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

DECEMBER 1973

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-)

1971 - 1973



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

DECEMBER 1973

STATE OF MONTANA — The civilian work force in Montana for November 1973 was 302,900, an increase of 1,900 over October and an increase of 5,500 for the same period one year ago. Total employment for November was 282,600, a decrease of 2,800 from October but an increase of 4,000 for November of 1972. November's unemployment rate was 6.7% compared to 5.2% for October and 6.3% for November 1972.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 227,400, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous month but an increase of 6,000 from November of last year. Total manufacturing showed a drop of 400 from last month and a drop of 200 from the previous year. Industries showing decreases from last month and from November of 1972 were lumber and wood products and primary metals. Manufacturing industries showing decreases only from last month were food and kindred products and petroleum and coal products, while printing and publishing showed a slight increase from last month and showed the same employment as in November 1972.

Total nonmanufacturing employment was 203,000, a decrease of 1,600 from October; however, an increase of 6,200 from one year ago at the same time. Industries showing decreases from last month but increases from one year ago were contract construction, down 2,100 from last month and up 100 from one year ago; transportation and public utilities down 100 from last month and up 500 from one year ago; wholesale and retail trade down 200 from last month and up 2,200 from one year ago. Nonmanufacturing industries up both from last month and last year were finance, insurance and real estate, up 100 from last month and up 300 from one year ago; services, up 100 from last month and up 3,600 from one year ago and government, up 700 from last month and up 100 from one year ago. The mining industry was down 100 from October and down 600 from November of 1972.

Agricultural employment for November 1973 totaled 29.9 thousand compared with 30.7 thousand in October and 30.5 thousand employed in November of 1972. Montana's farmers produced 167 million bushels of small grains (wheat, barley and oats) in 1973, this being 5% less than last year's 175 million bushels. Higher prices received by farmers for their grain increased the value sharply, as this year's value of small grain production increased to $529 million compared with $273 million in 1972.

Production of Montana wheat this year totaled 97 million bushels valued at $391 million compared with last year's 99 million bushels valued at $186 million. The total acreage harvested this year was up 9%; however, the yield per acre was nearly 3 bushels less. Barley production this year in Montana was 60 million bushels, down 6% from 1972. Although the harvest acreage was up, the yield per acre decreased 7.5 bushels per acre. Production of oats was 10.3 million bushels this year - a decrease of 13% from 1972. The harvested acreage was up but yield was down 10 bushels to 38 bushels per acre. Winter wheat was in generally fair to good condition in most areas of the state by the end of November. Moisture conditions during this year's growing season were below normal in nearly all parts of the state. Dry conditions allowed the grain harvest to proceed quickly and finish ahead of normal.

Montana's ranchers began their winter livestock feeding ahead of schedule early in November, but warmer weather by the middle and end of the month allowed some grazing to resume. By month's end nearly 70% of the cattle were receiving supplemental feed statewide.

The Index of Prices Received by Montana farmers and ranchers declined 13 points since mid-October to 223 (1967 = 100) on November 15, but was still above last year's index of 144. The All Crops Index of Prices Received in Montana on November 15 at 270 was down 3 points from October 15, but 140 above one year ago. Lower prices for meat animals and wool caused the November Livestock and Livestock Prices Index to drop 20 points from October 15, but was an increase over the 155 recorded one year ago at this time.

Production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas of Montana for the month of September averaged 95,093 barrels daily, an increase of 1,340 barrels from the average August production of 93,753.

Business in Montana continued to roll up big gains in October according to indications from bank debits released. Billings figures were up 25% for the month and 27% for the year. Great Falls was up 25% for the month and 14%for the year. The state figure was up 21% for October and 20% for the first 10 months of 1973.

Montana's total building permits totaled 419 in October 1973 compared with 452 issued in October of 1972.

ANACONDA The construction industry continues to be strong in the area as work was started on a new $435,000 food store, and 275 people were employed at the new Arbiter Plant construction. There were openings during the month for log truck drivers, fallers, and secretaries.

BILLINGS Building construction continues to provide strong employment as a new career education center was started with a cost of over $3 million. Also work is progressing on a $143,000 addition to a local bank, the construction of a $120,000 retail garden supply store, the remodeling of a wholesale glass warehouse, a pharmacy, and a new retail pillow store. Bank debits were up 25% for October over the same period one year ago.

BOZEMAN Building permits for the month of November totaled $185,400, the largest being $70,000 to build a new four-plex while 3 permits were issued for private dwellings. The city commission also approved construction of a 48-unit apartment complex that will be built in the near future. Retail and service trades are good at this time with the holiday buying. All sawmills and logging are running normal, while in agriculture, shipping of livestock to market, hauling hay, and preparing for winter feeding are the main activities. Bozeman bank debits for October increased 35% over the same month one year ago.

BUTTE Butte's building construction remains good as permits were issued for a $435,000 grocery complex and a new $120,000 medical clinic. Also, construction of a hospital annex and a shopping center are continuing at a good pace. Another big boost to the Butte and Bozeman areas is a $2.4 million expansion project in the talc processing plant in Three Forks that got underway during the past month. The plant expects to increase capacity 50%. Retail and service trades were steady with Christmas buying starting. The local smelter has slowed down their hiring and are experiencing some parts shortages in the pit operation.

CUT BANK Construction activity in Glacier County has been touch and go with the weather permitting. Cut Bank area building projects include a hospital, medical clinic, gym construction and several smaller remodeling projects, while in Browning the new Junior High School is about 95% complete. Two lumber mills are laying off for their normal winter shut down. Ranchers are feeding quite heavily due to shortage of winter pasture. Oilfield activity in the Cut Bank area is steady.

DILLON Nine new residential homes were under construction this past month, and renovation of the telephone building continues with the completion date set for mid-December. New hiring has taken place in the retail and service trades in preparation for the Christmas rush.

GLENDIVE As weather has turned much colder construction on both roads and local building has slowed; however, construction of a warehouse market is continuing. Retail trade is busy in the area with the holiday season but no heavy hiring took place during the past month. Bank debits in Glendive during October showed an increase of 21% from the same period one year ago. Oilfield work in the area has been quiet.

GREAT FALLS Valuation of local construction for which city permits were issued during November totaled $530,056. Excavation began this month on a new $1.4 million pipeline that is to be completed by November 1976. Nine construction projects at Malmstrom AFB, and 2 projects at outlying stations represent $1,389,000 in facility improvements. A new base commissary at $659,054, is the most costly of the projects followed by a $400,000 gas station. Retail and service industries are experiencing their normal seasonal upswing as Christmas nears. Agricultural demands have been steady with most calls for general ranch workers to feed live stock.

HAMILTON Employment activity tapered off considerably this month as adverse weather conditions and seasonal factors slowed down hiring in the area. Agricultural activity is seasonally quiet with supplemental feeding and limited potato sorting and shipping the main activities. Logging and lumber employment was stable this month, as was the construction industry. Work is progressing on schedule on the school project in Darby. As of now, no definite date has been set for letting contracts on the new hospital complex in Hamilton. Eighteen employees are working on the road project between Lolo and Florence.

HAVRE Construction of a new hospital in Havre is progressing on schedule in spite of periodic slow-downs caused by inclement weather. Wholesale and service industries have picked up somewhat during the month with merchants hiring extra help for the holidays. A well that could be a significant discovery of natural gas in northern Hill County was completed last Thursday at a depth of 3,600 feet with a rate of 11 million cubic feet of gas daily.

HELENA Construction work is progressing well on a 60-unit apartment building in Helena's downtown area which should be completed by spring. Also, building continued during the month on a new Chinese restaurant, a new tavern, and finishing touches were made on a building that will house both a furniture and a hardware store. Retail sales of Christmas products are strong and needs for additional sales help has been met.

KALISPELL Employment levels in Flathead's major industries during November were good as heavy hiring was done by retail firms establishing stores in the new shopping mall, and there were substantial work forces in building construction and the wood products industries. The Christmas tree industry was an excellent source of employment throughout the month with nearly 450 people working. Also, opening of a ski resort provided jobs for another 100 persons. By the first week in December Kalispell had its first $6 million year for new construction starts. A new $3.5 million, 131,000 square foot shopping center opened in November including room for 21 shops.

LEWISTOWN Local businesses remained quite stable during the month with the normal holiday upswing in sales starting. Weather continued to be quite mild permitting construction jobs and mining activiies to continue. Lewistown bank debits climbed 27% for the first ten months of 1973 compared to the same period during 1972.

LIBBY A new retail food store is scheduled to open January 1 and will employ 14 people. Inclement weather has caused local and county gypos as well as a local lumber mill to shut down, affecting some 175 individuals. Employment at Libby Dam continues on the downswing and hiring is slow in all other industries.

MILES CITY Construction activity has been shut down during the month except building projects in the area where outside work continues. Nine building permits were issued for the month of November with a total valuation of $25,650. A new 53-unit motel complex will be completed in December. All other labor market activity remains slow with supply exceeding demand.

MISSOULA Activities along Main Street and in the shopping centers continued to be strong during the month with Christmas shopping. Fifteen residential permits, valued at $157,700, and seven commercial permits, valued at $34,685 were issued in Missoula during November. Construction and logging layoffs continued during the month, and one lumber mill had a small cut-back, this being their slack season.

POLSON Construction activity continues to be steady as work is progressing on a new apartment-retirement house, a new bank and a youth center in St. Ignatius. The new $2.5 million high school was completed the first part of December. Sawmill work remains steady, with only replacement hiring, and logging crews were also working steady during the past month.

SIDNEY Employment continues at an above moderate pace for this time of year, and construction and oil activity continue to do well. A new supermarket is due to open in January, and work continued on a new shopping complex. Bank debits in Sidney during October showed an increase of 21% from the same period one year ago.

THOMPSON FALLS The employment levels in all the basic industrial groups remained stable this month and no change is anticipated if weather conditions remain moderate.

WOLF POINT Building construction has been steady as most projects are closed in and work will continue until completed. Oil activity is quite limited at this time and retail trade demands are mostly for temporary sales help during the Christmas season. Agricultural demand for temporary jobs is below a year ago; however, there has been a steady demand for persons to feed cattle, and for caretakers.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

The unemployment rate in Montana should remain at a high level during the winter months as weather conditions halt most outside activities such as construction, woods work and agricultural operations.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 1973

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	99	45	662
CEP	36	23	272
MDTA (Inst.)	62	12	211
JOBS	23	23	61
JOP	26	26	76
Job Corps	33	18	229

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[1/]

NOVEMBER 1973

Social Characteristics	*Percent* of Total Covered Unemployment
Non-White	*5.1%*
Female	*35.4%*
Youth	*14.8%*
Over 45	*31.1%*

1/ *Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table 1

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	8.8	6.6	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	9.0	6.6	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	8.3	6.3	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	7.1	5.7	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	5.8	5.3	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	7.1	6.8	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	6.2	6.8	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	5.3	5.4	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	6.3	5.7	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	7.2	5.5	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	276.4	254.1	229.0	25.1	22.3	8.1	6.4	*
February	277.4	254.9	229.6	25.3	22.5	8.1	6.4	*
March	285.5	263.5	233.6	29.9	21.9	7.7	6.1	.1
April	297.7	278.8	240.9	37.9	18.8	6.3	5.5	.1
May	303.9	287.5	248.2	39.3	16.2	5.3	5.1	.2
June	326.7	305.9	256.4	49.5	20.7	6.3	6.2	.1
July	320.5	302.6	256.3	46.3	17.5	5.5	5.8	.4
August	325.3	307.6	256.7	50.9	17.1	5.3	5.5	.6
September	304.8	289.9	253.1	36.8	14.6	4.8	5.4	.3
October	293.8	279.9	249.5	30.4	13.9	4.7	5.1	*
November	296.6	278.6	248.1	30.5	17.9	6.0	4.9	.1
December	295.5	274.2	246.6	27.6	21.2	7.2	4.7	.1
1972 Avg.	300.3	281.5	245.7	35.8	18.7	6.2	5.6	.1
1973								
January	288.2	263.3	238.9	24.4	24.8	8.6	5.5	.1
February	288.3	265.8	240.5	25.3	22.5	7.8	5.6	*
March	296.4	274.7	245.4	29.3	21.7	7.3	5.2	*
April	303.2	283.7	248.5	35.2	19.3	6.4	4.8	.2
May	311.9	293.8	255.2	38.6	17.7	5.7	4.3	.4
June	330.9	306.9	263.9	43.0	23.5	7.1	5.4	.5
July	334.8	314.9	262.7	52.2	19.9	5.9	5.0	*
August	326.8	309.5	263.0	46.5	17.1	5.2	4.7	.2
September	305.6	290.5	258.8	31.7	15.0	4.9	4.7	.1
October	300.1	285.2	254.6	30.6	14.8	4.9	4.2	.1
November	302.2	282.6	252.6	30.0	19.6	6.5	4.5	-
December	*300.2*	*280.2*	*253.1*	*27.1*	*20.0*	*6.6*		-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Revised Labor Force Survey 1957*

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Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent- County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	*6.8*	*8.8*	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	*7.1*	*9.0*	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*8.3*	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	*5.8*	*7.1*	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*5.8*	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*7.1*	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	*6.5*	*6.2*	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	*6.0*	*5.7*	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	*4.8*	*5.3*	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	*6.1*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	*7.6*	*8.1*	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	*7.5*	*8.1*	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*7.7*	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	*5.6*	*6.3*	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	*5.2*	*5.3*	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	*7.9*	*6.3*	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	*6.9*	*5.5*	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*5.3*	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	*6.5*	*4.7*	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	*7.4*	*6.0*	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	*8.1*	*7.2*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	*9.3*	*8.6*	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	*8.7*	*7.8*	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	*7.9*	*7.3*	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	*6.9*	*6.4*	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	*7.3*	*5.7*	*
June	34.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	3.2	*9.1*	*7.1*	0
July	34.7	32.2	29.7	2.5	2.5	*7.2*	*5.9*	0
August	34.7	32.6	29.9	2.7	2.1	*6.2*	*5.2*	0
September	33.5	31.4	29.6	1.8	2.1	*6.4*	*4.9*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*4.9*	0
November	33.0	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.5*	-
December	*32.5*	*30.4*	*29.0*	*1.4*	*2.1*	*6.4*	*6.6*	-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* ***Previous month preliminary***

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

Revised to 1973 Benchmarks

Table III

BILLINGS S MSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	*6.7*	*6.8*	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	*7.2*	*7.0*	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	*7.1*	*6.3*	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	*5.6*	*7.1*	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	*4.9*	*5.3*	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	*5.8*	*6.2*	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	*5.6*	*5.9*	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	*5.4*	*5.7*	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	*4.4*	*5.3*	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	*5.8*	*6.3*	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	*6.2*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	*7.2*	*8.1*	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	*7.4*	*8.1*	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	*7.2*	*7.7*	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	*5.6*	*6.3*	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*5.3*	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	*7.0*	*6.3*	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	*6.1*	*5.5*	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	*5.3*	*4.8*	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	*4.8*	*4.7*	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	*5.7*	*6.0*	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	*6.0*	*7.2*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	*8.0*	*8.6*	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	*6.0*	*7.8*	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*7.3*	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*6.4*	*
May	41.9	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.2	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
June	45.2	41.9	39.3	2.6	2.9	*6.4*	*7.1*	.4
July	43.8	41.2	39.0	2.2	2.6	*6.0*	*5.9*	*
August	44.1	41.6	39.2	2.4	2.5	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
September	42.4	40.3	38.5	1.8	2.1	*4.9*	*4.9*	*
October	42.5	40.3	38.9	1.4	2.2	*5.1*	*4.9*	*
November	42.8	40.4	39.0	1.4	2.4	*5.6*	*6.5*	-
December	*42.3*	*39.8*	*38.6*	*1.2*	*2.5*	*5.9*	*6.6*	-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers*

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary

Series began January 1962

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	302.9	301.0	297.4	1.9	5.5
2. Unemployment	20.3	15.5	18.7	4.8	1.6
Percent of Work Force#	*6.7*	*5.2*	*6.3*	*1.5*	*.4*
3. Employment, Total	282.6	285.4	278.6	-2.8	4.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	227.4	229.4	221.4	-2.0	6.0
MANUFACTURING	24.4	24.8	24.6	-.4	-.2
Durable Goods	15.5	15.8	16.0	-.3	-.5
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.1	9.3	9.5	-.2	-.4
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.3	3.3	-.1	-.1
Other Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.9	9.0	8.6	-.1	.3
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.6	4.8	4.4	-.2	.2
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.9	.1	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.2	1.0	-.1	.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.2	1.3	.1	0
NONMANUFACTURING	203.0	204.6	196.8	-1.6	6.2
Mining	6.1	6.2	6.7	-.1	-.6
10 Metal Mining	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-.1
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.3	1.4	1.8	-.1	-.5

Contract Construction	13.7	15.8	13.6	-2.1	.1
15 General Building Contractors	6.1	6.9	4.3	-.8	1.8
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.1	4.3	4.5	-1.2	-1.4
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.5	4.6	4.8	-.1	-.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.8	18.9	18.3	-.1	.5
40 Railroad Transportation	6.2	6.3	6.3	-.1	-.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.9	5.3	5.5	.1	.4
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.7	6.8	6.5	-.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	56.5	56.7	54.3	-.2	2.2
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.0	10.9	.1	.2
Retail Trade	45.4	45.7	43.4	-.3	2.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.9	7.9	7.6	0	.3
54 Food Stores	6.1	6.1	6.2	0	-.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.9	9.0	9.1	-.1	-.2
58 Eating and Drinking Places	13.4	13.7	11.8	-.3	1.6
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.1	9.0	8.7	.1	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.4	9.3	9.1	.1	.3
Services	42.8	42.7	39.2	.1	3.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.6	5.9	4.6	-.3	1.0
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.4	2.5	.1	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	13.2	13.0	12.7	.2	.5
Other Services	21.5	21.4	19.4	.1	2.1
Government	55.7	55.0	55.6	.7	.1
91 Federal Government	11.7	11.8	12.2	-.1	-.5
92 & 93 State and Local Government	44.0	43.2	43.4	.8	.6
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	25.3	25.3	26.7	0	-1.4
(c) Agriculture	29.9	30.7	30.5	-.8	-.6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	.1	.1	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50. *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.* *Series began January 1964.*
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\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

Table V

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

NOVEMBER 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Nov. 1973	Oct 1973	Nov. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	33.0	33.1	32.3	-.1	.7
2. Unemployment	2.2	1.8	2.4	.4	-.2
Percent of Work Force#	*6.7*	*5.5*	*7.4*	*1.2*	*-.7*
3. Employment, Total	30.8	31.3	29.9	-.5	.9
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.1	27.6	26.3	-.5	.8
MANUFACTURING	1.9	2.0	1.9	-.1	0
NONMANUFACTURING	25.2	25.6	24.4	-.4	.8
Contract Construction	1.8	2.1	1.9	-.3	-.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.8	7.9	7.6	-.1	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.7	5.7	5.3	0	.4
Government	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	.2
(c) Agriculture	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	0	*	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

* *Under 50.*

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\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

Revised to 1973 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary. Series began January 1958.

Table VI

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

NOVEMBER 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	42.8	42.5	42.0	.3	.8
2. Unemployment	2.4	2.2	2.4	.2	0
Percent of Work Force#	*5.6*	*5.1*	*5.7*	*.5*	*-.1*
3. Employment, Total	40.4	40.3	39.6	.1	.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	35.0	34.9	33.9	.1	1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.3	4.0	-.1	.2
NONMANUFACTURING	30.8	30.6	29.9	.2	.9
Contract Construction	2.2	2.3	2.3	-.1	-.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.1	3.2	3.2	-.1	-.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.2	.1	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	7.0	6.9	6.4	.1	.6
Government	6.0	5.8	6.0	.2	0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.0	4.0	4.1	0	-.1
(c) Agriculture	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	-.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	*	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

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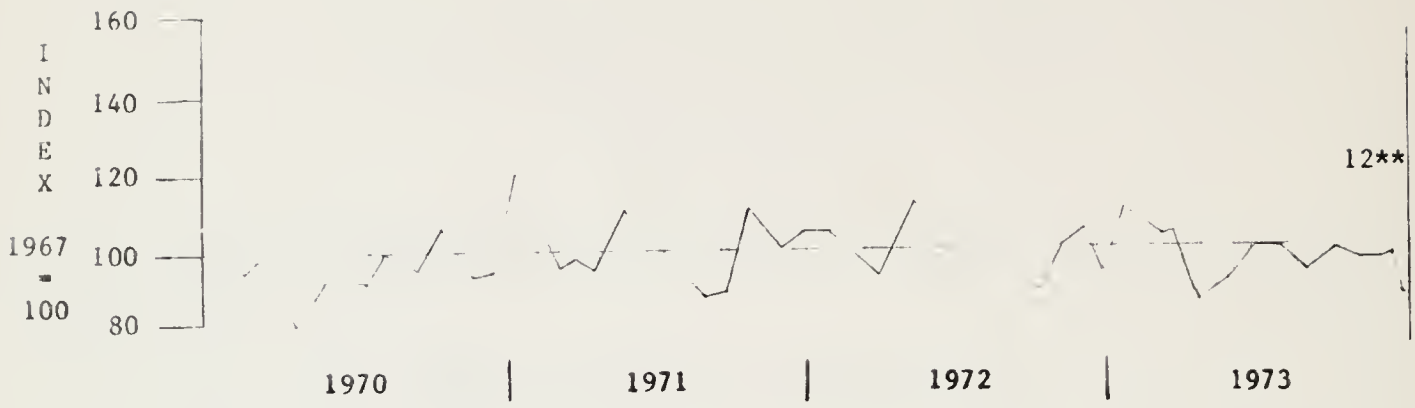
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1972	
January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9
1973	
January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	102.9
July	102.0
August	98.0
September	94.3
October	97.2
November	90.0^{p}
December	90.0^{f}

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Montana's composite index continued its downward trend during the fourth quarter of 1973. All six leading indicators are down from the same period of one year ago. Preliminary data indicate this trend will continue during the last month of the fourth quarter and on into 1974.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.* *f: Forecast.*

Table VII

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana	Percent U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	6.9	6.0	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	6.8	5.8	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	6.5	6.0	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	6.5	6.1	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	6.3	6.2	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	6.5	5.6	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	7.0	5.8	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	7.6	6.1	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	7.6	6.0	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	7.3	5.8	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	6.4	6.0	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	7.1	6.0	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	294.5	275.9	241.3	34.6	18.6	6.3	5.9	*
February	295.5	277.3	242.4	34.9	18.2	6.2	5.7	*
March	298.7	280.7	245.9	34.8	17.9	6.0	5.9	.1
April	303.9	286.1	247.3	38.8	17.7	5.8	5.9	.1
May	303.7	285.9	248.4	37.5	17.6	5.8	5.9	.2
June	300.9	283.2	246.1	37.1	17.6	6.0	5.5	.1
July	296.6	278.0	244.8	33.2	18.2	6.1	5.5	.4
August	303.2	282.1	243.5	38.6	20.5	6.8	5.6	.6
September	303.1	283.3	243.8	39.5	19.5	6.4	5.5	.3
October	297.8	278.3	246.5	31.8	19.5	6.5	5.5	*
November	301.5	282.7	248.6	34.1	18.7	6.2	5.2	.1
December	305.1	283.3	249.1	34.2	21.7	7.1	5.1	.1
1972 Avg.	300.3	281.5	245.7	35.8	18.7	6.2	5.6	.1
1973								
January	306.7	285.9	251.7	34.2	20.7	6.7	5.0	.1
February	307.6	289.4	254.0	35.4	18.2	5.9	5.1	*
March	311.3	293.6	258.3	35.3	17.7	5.7	5.0	*
April	308.5	290.1	255.1	35.0	18.2	5.9	5.0	.2
May	311.4	291.8	255.5	36.3	19.2	6.2	5.0	.4
June	306.2	285.7	253.3	32.4	20.0	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	288.4	250.9	37.5	20.7	6.7	4.7	*
August	304.2	283.5	249.5	34.0	20.5	6.7	4.8	.2
September	303.4	283.3	249.3	34.0	20.0	6.6	4.8	.1
October	306.4	285.6	251.6	34.0	20.7	6.7	4.5	.1
November	307.1	286.6	253.1	33.5	20.5	6.7	4.7	-
December	*309.8*	*289.3*	*255.7*	*33.6*	*20.5*	6.6		-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1973 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table VIII

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	6.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	6.2	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.0	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	5.8	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	5.8	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	6.0	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	6.1	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	6.8	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	6.4	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	6.5	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	6.2	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	7.1	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	6.2	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	7.6	6.7	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	7.1	5.9	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	6.8	5.7	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	7.0	5.9	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	7.6	6.2	*
June	33.0	30.4	28.4	2.0	2.6	7.9	6.5	0
July	33.1	30.6	28.7	1.9	2.5	7.5	6.7	0
August	33.5	31.1	29.8	1.3	2.4	7.2	6.7	0
September	33.3	30.7	28.8	1.9	2.6	7.8	6.6	*
October	33.4	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.3	6.9	6.7	0
November	32.9	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.3	7.0	6.7	-
December	*33.1*	*30.8*	*29.3*	*1.5*	*2.3*	6.9	6.6	-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* **Previous month preliminary**

Revised to 1973 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table IX

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	*5.7*	*6.0*	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	*5.8*	*6.8*	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	*5.4*	*6.5*	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	*6.0*	*7.0*	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	*6.3*	*7.0*	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	*6.4*	*7.0*	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	*6.0*	*7.3*	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	*6.4*	*6.4*	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	*6.4*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	*6.1*	*6.3*	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	*5.9*	*6.2*	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	*6.0*	*6.0*	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	*5.7*	*5.8*	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	*6.3*	*5.8*	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*6.0*	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	*6.3*	*6.1*	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	*6.7*	*6.8*	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	*6.2*	*6.4*	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	*6.5*	*6.5*	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	*6.2*	*6.2*	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	*6.3*	*7.1*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	*4.8*	*5.9*	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	*4.3*	*5.7*	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	*5.3*	*5.9*	*
May	41.7	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.4	*5.8*	*6.2*	*
June	42.7	40.0	38.5	1.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.5*	.4
July	42.8	40.2	38.4	1.8	2.6	*6.1*	*6.7*	*
August	43.3	40.5	38.3	2.2	2.8	*6.5*	*6.7*	*
September	42.6	40.1	38.1	2.0	2.5	*5.7*	*6.6*	*
October	42.3	39.4	38.1	1.3	2.9	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
November	42.5	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.6	*6.1*	*6.7*	-
December	*42.4*	*39.8*	*38.3*	*1.5*	*2.6*	*6.1*	*6.6*	-
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* ***Previous month preliminary***

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

NOVEMBER 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	$143.89	$145.02	$136.90	36.8	36.9	37.2	3.91	3.93	3.68
MANUFACTURING	185.20	187.27	174.71	40.0	40.8	41.4	4.63	4.59	4.22
Durable Goods	188.70	191.36	179.32	41.2	41.6	42.9	4.58	4.60	4.18
Primary Metal Industries	193.26	190.40	168.02	40.6	40.0	40.1	4.76	4.76	4.19
Nondurable Goods	178.77	177.25	168.66	37.4	38.7	37.9	4.78	4.58	4.45
Food and Kindred Products	161.16	162.35	153.52	38.1	39.5	40.4	4.23	4.11	3.80
MINING	214.73	211.67	185.95	40.9	41.1	40.6	5.25	5.15	4.58
Metal Mining	216.26	210.80	189.48	39.9	40.0	40.4	5.42	5.27	4.69
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	250.90	256.90	236.78	38.6	38.4	38.5	6.50	6.69	6.15
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	233.20	228.80	205.76	42.4	41.6	41.4	5.50	5.50	4.97
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	185.40	185.80	173.26	39.7	39.7	39.2	4.67	4.68	4.42
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113.21	112.14	107.36	35.6	35.6	35.2	3.18	3.15	3.05
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	103.39	104.54	99.65	35.9	36.3	36.5	2.88	2.88	2.73
SERVICES	88.71	87.51	87.10	33.1	32.9	33.5	2.68	2.66	2.60

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

OCTOBER 1973

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.4	4.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.9	5.4	2.7	3.8	3.1	1.5	1.2	1.4
Durable Goods	3.8	3.9	4.5	3.0	3.4	3.9	5.4	6.1	6.0	2.8	4.0	3.7	1.5	1.0	1.1
Primary Metal Industries	2.8	2.7	1.7	.7	1.1	.8	5.1	6.8	2.7	1.8	2.9	.5	2.7	2.2	1.7
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.7	5.6	4.3	2.6	3.4	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.9
MINING	6.9	6.6	4.2	3.5	3.2	4.0	6.8	8.7	4.2	3.1	4.8	3.1	*	.3	.2
Metal Mining	7.1	6.3	5.2	1.6	1.4	5.0	8.6	9.4	4.4	3.7	5.0	3.1	*	.1	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

OCTOBER 1973

	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
MANUFACTURING	*	*	.2
Durable Goods	*	*	.1
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	*	*	.3
MINING	1.6	1.6	.4

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

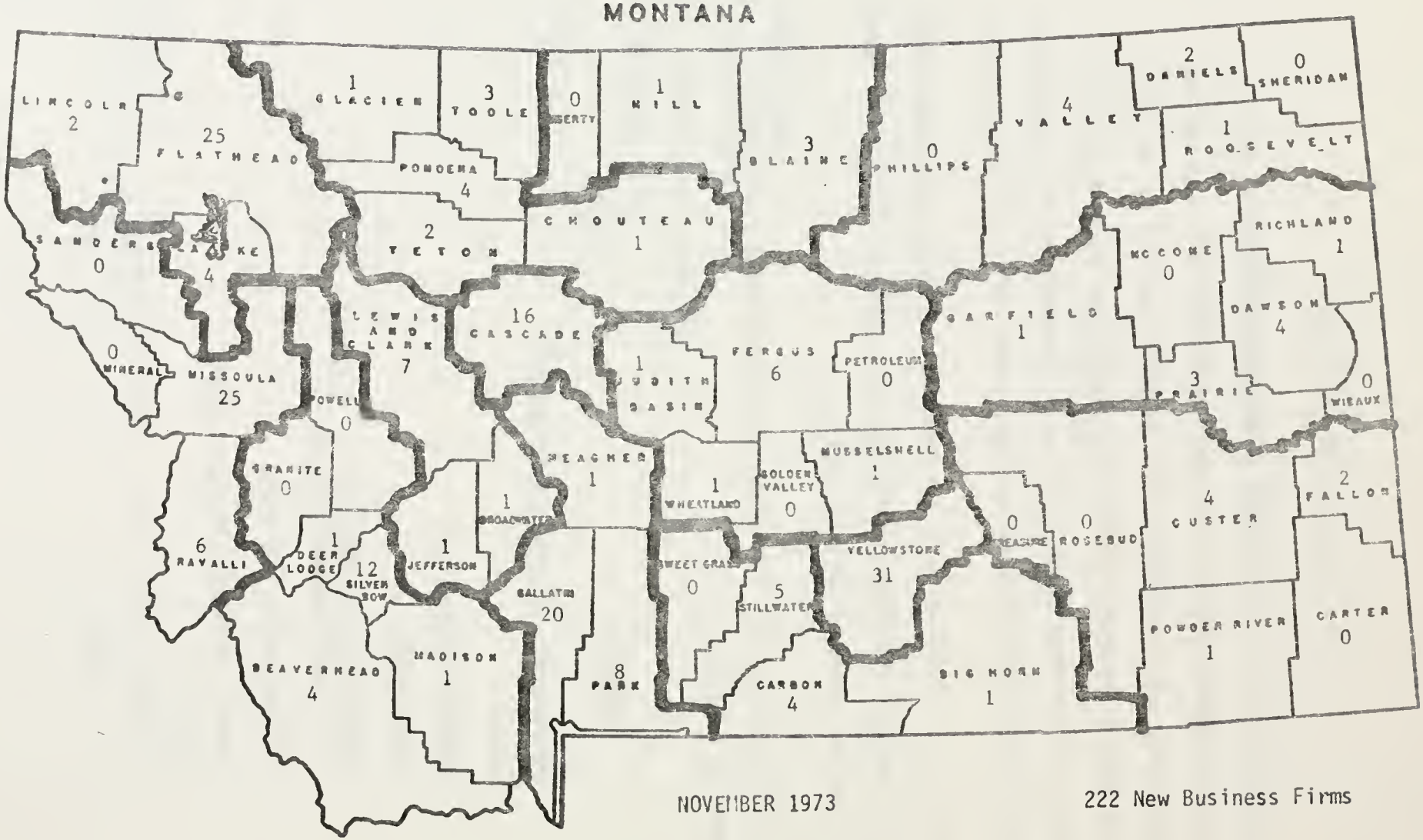
New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of November, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in November by industry:

INDUSTRY	NUMBER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	20
MINING	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	35
MANUFACTURING	11
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	13
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	53
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	21
SERVICES	69
TOTAL	222

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS
IN
MONTANA



NOVEMBER 1973

222 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

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Table C
December 20, 1973

In Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Avg. 1972	Annual Avg. 1971	Percent Change 1971 to 1972
1. CIVILIAN WORK FORCE	276.4	277.4	285.5	297.7	303.9	326.7	320.5	325.3	304.8	293.8	296.6	295.5	300.3	293.0	2.5
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	22.3	22.5	21.9	18.8	16.2	20.7	17.5	17.1	14.6	13.9	17.9	21.2	18.7	20.1	-7.0
Percent of Work Force	..	8.1	7.7	6.3	5.3	6.3	5.5	5.3	4.8	4.7	6.0	7.2	6.2	6.9	-
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	254.1	254.9	263.5	278.8	287.5	305.9	302.6	307.6	289.9	279.9	278.6	274.2	281.5	271.4	3.7
(a) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	202.8	203.1	206.4	213.7	219.3	227.8	226.9	227.6	225.5	222.4	221.4	220.1	218.1	207.1	5.3
MANUFACTURING	24.8	24.7	24.1	24.2	24.7	25.8	25.6	25.0	24.6	24.7	24.6	24.0	24.7	24.0	2.9
Durable Goods	16.3	16.3	16.0	15.9	16.4	17.3	17.0	16.6	16.4	16.0	16.0	15.4	16.3	15.7	3.8
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.2	8.7	5.7
33 Primary Metal Industries	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.1	-4.9
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.9	10.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	1.2
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	0
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	8.3
NONMANUFACTURING	178.0	178.4	182.3	189.5	194.6	202.0	201.3	202.6	200.9	197.7	196.8	196.1	193.4	183.1	5.6
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.4	5.4	18.5
10 Metal Mining	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	2.9	27.6
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	.8	.8	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	.9	11.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	6.3
Contract Construction	8.9	8.8	10.3	13.1	14.8	15.7	15.7	16.0	15.3	14.5	13.6	11.0	13.1	11.7	12.0
15 General Building Contractors	2.4	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.7	2.9	27.6
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.3	3.2	4.0	5.4	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.0	5.3	4.5	2.9	5.0	5.1	-2.0
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.4	3.7	18.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.7	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.4	18.3	18.3	18.2	17.7	2.8
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	0
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	6.0
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	3.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	48.2	48.1	49.6	51.6	53.2	55.6	55.6	56.1	55.5	54.3	54.3	55.6	53.1	50.1	6.0
Wholesale Trade	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.6	10.0	6.0
Retail Trade	38.1	38.0	39.4	41.2	42.7	44.8	44.8	45.3	44.7	43.4	43.4	44.8	42.5	40.1	6.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.6	8.5	7.3	7.2	1.4
54 Food Stores	5.7	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.1	5.8	5.
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.2	8.9	8.2	..
58 Eating and Drinking Places	9.6	9.8	10.6	11.4	12.3	13.1	12.9	13.4	13.0	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.1	6.3
52,57,59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc.	7.6	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.7	9.1	8.4	7.8	..
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2	8.9	8.5	4.7
Services	35.0	35.3	35.9	37.0	37.7	39.1	40.1	40.6	40.3	39.3	39.2	39.2	38.3	35.3	8.5
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.7	5.8	6.2	6.4	5.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.4	11.4
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	4.2
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.4	11.8	5.1
Other Services	17.0	17.2	17.5	18.2	18.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.4	18.5	16.7	10.8
Government	53.9	54.3	54.5	55.4	55.9	57.5	55.5	55.2	55.2	55.4	55.6	56.1	55.4	54.4	1.8
91 Federal Government	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.8	12.3	12.9	13.6	13.7	13.3	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.3	11.9	3.4
92 & 93 State and Local Government	42.8	43.2	43.4	43.6	43.6	44.6	41.9	41.5	41.9	43.0	43.4	44.1	43.1	42.5	1.4
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT[1/]	26.2	26.5	27.2	27.2	28.9	28.6	29.4	29.1	27.6	27.1	26.7	26.5	27.6	29.0	-4.8
(c) AGRICULTURE	25.1	25.3	29.9	37.9	39.3	49.5	46.3	50.9	36.8	30.4	30.5	27.6	35.8	35.3	1.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	.1	.1	.2	.1	.4	.6	.3	*	.1	.1	.1	1.5	-
5. Insured Unemployment (UI)	12.0	11.6	11.2	8.9	7.0	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.6	10.7	8.4	8.1	3.7
Percent of Insured Labor Force	5.1	4.6	4.4	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.7	6.6	5.3	5.3	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural, self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

* *Under 50.*

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U. S. Department of Labor
Manpower Administration

ANNUAL STATEWIDE WORK FORCE REPORT FOR 1973
(Preliminary Estimates - First Eleven Months)

Table
December 20, 1973

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	11 Month Avg. 1973	Avg. 1972	Percent Change 1972 to 1973
	in Thousands													
1. CIVILIAN WORK FORCE	288.2	288.3	296.4	303.2	311.9	330.9	334.8	326.8	305.6	300.1	302.2	308.0	300.3	2.6
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	24.8	22.5	21.7	19.3	17.7	23.5	19.9	17.1	15.0	14.8	19.6	19.6	18.7	4.8
Percent of Work Force	*8.6*	*7.8*	*7.3*	*6.4*	*5.7*	*7.1*	*5.9*	*5.2*	*4.9*	*4.9*	*6.5*	*6.4*	*6.2*	-
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	263.3	265.8	274.7	283.7	293.8	306.9	314.9	309.5	290.5	285.2	282.6	288.4	281.5	[illegible]
(a) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	213.3	214.7	218.4	221.9	226.9	234.8	233.4	234.9	231.8	229.4	227.4	226.1	218.1	[illegible]
MANUFACTURING	23.7	24.0	23.6	23.4	23.9	25.3	25.5	25.3	24.9	24.8	24.4	24.4	24.7	-1.2
Durable Goods	15.1	15.4	15.5	15.2	15.7	16.6	16.6	16.5	16.2	15.8	15.5	15.8	16.3	-3.1
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.1	9.3	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.3	9.2	1.1
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.9	-12.8
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	-3.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.0	8.9	8.6	8.4	2.4
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.2	2.4
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	10.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	189.6	190.7	194.8	198.5	203.0	209.5	207.9	209.6	206.9	204.6	203.0	201.7	193.4	4.3
Mining	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	-1.6
10 Metal Mining	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	0
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	10.0
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	-11.8
Contract Construction	9.4	9.7	11.3	12.6	13.8	14.9	15.5	16.6	16.0	15.8	13.7	13.6	13.1	3.8
15 General Building Contractors	3.4	3.5	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.4	5.9	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.1	5.3	3.7	43.2
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.3	2.5	3.1	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.3	3.1	4.0	5.0	-20.0
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	-2.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	17.8	18.0	18.2	18.7	19.4	19.9	19.8	19.6	18.9	18.8	18.8	18.2	3.3
40 Railroad Transportation	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.4	-1.6
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.3	9.4
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.5	3.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	52.4	52.5	53.9	54.9	56.4	58.6	58.5	59.2	58.4	56.7	56.5	56.2	53.1	[illegible]
Wholesale Trade	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.8	10.8	11.1	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1	10.9	10.6	[illegible]
Retail Trade	41.7	41.8	43.0	44.1	45.6	47.5	47.4	48.3	47.4	45.7	45.4	45.3	42.5	6.6
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.3	6.8
54 Food Stores	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	9.0	8.9	1.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	10.9	11.2	12.0	13.0	14.0	14.9	14.8	15.2	14.8	13.7	13.4	13.5	11.8	14.4
52,57,59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc.	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.4	6.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.9	5.6
Services	39.2	39.7	40.4	41.4	42.1	43.3	44.0	44.4	43.7	42.7	42.8	42.1	38.3	9.9
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.8	7.0	7.6	7.8	7.0	5.9	5.6	6.0	4.9	22.4
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.7	12.8	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.2	13.0	12.4	4.8
Other Services	19.5	19.8	20.2	20.7	20.8	20.6	20.8	20.8	21.0	21.4	21.5	20.6	18.5	11.4
Government	55.2	55.5	55.7	55.8	56.2	57.3	54.0	53.8	53.7	55.0	55.7	55.3	55.4	-.2
91 Federal Government	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.5	11.9	12.7	13.3	13.3	12.7	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.3	-1.6
92 & 93 State and Local Government	43.8	44.3	44.5	44.3	44.3	44.6	40.7	40.5	41.0	43.2	44.0	43.2	43.1	.2
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT[1/]	25.6	25.8	27.0	26.6	28.3	29.1	29.3	28.1	27.0	25.2	25.2	27.0	27.6	-2.2
(c) AGRICULTURE	24.4	25.3	29.3	35.2	38.6	43.0	52.2	46.5	31.7	30.6	30.0	35.3	35.8	-1.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.1	*	*	.2	.4	.5	*	.2	.1	.1	-	-	.1	-
5. Insured Unemployment (UI)	13.4	11.3	10.6	8.9	7.4	7.6	7.5	6.8	6.6	7.0	8.6	8.7	8.4	3.6
Percent of Insured Labor Force	*8.5*	*7.2*	*6.8*	*5.6*	*4.7*	*4.8*	*4.8*	*3.9*	*3.9*	*4.2*	*5.1*	*5.2*	*5.3*	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural, self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

* *Under .5.*

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WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
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